

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

1. (Currently amended) An assay device comprising liquid transport means adapted to take up a liquid sample and conduct the liquid to an analyte detection region operable to provide a test signal indicative of the presence and/or amount of an analyte in the liquid sample; ~~characterised in that the assay device further comprises a sample presence signal generation means~~ wherein the liquid transport means comprises a porous carrier in the form of a nitrocellulose strip; wherein the sample signal generation means comprises a colored portion in the form of a line which is printed or otherwise formed or deposited on the nitrocellulose strip on the side which is not presented to a user, using an ink which does not penetrate through the nitrocellulose strip; such that the colored portion is overlaid by nitrocellulose which, when dry, is substantially opaque and which initially obscures at least part of the colored portion but which, when wet, becomes sufficiently translucent or transparent to allow the at least initially obscured part of the colored portion to become visible to a user.
2. (Original) The assay device of claim 1 characterised in that the sample presence signal generation means generates a sample presence signal in the analyte detection region.
3. (Previously presented) The assay device of claim 1 wherein the sample presence signal generation means generates a sample presence signal which interacts with the test signal in the presence of analyte to form an interactive symbol representative of a positive result.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently amended) The assay device of claim 2 [[1]] wherein the sample presence signal is in the form of a line oriented substantially parallel with the direction of flow of the liquid sample.
- 6-26. (Canceled)